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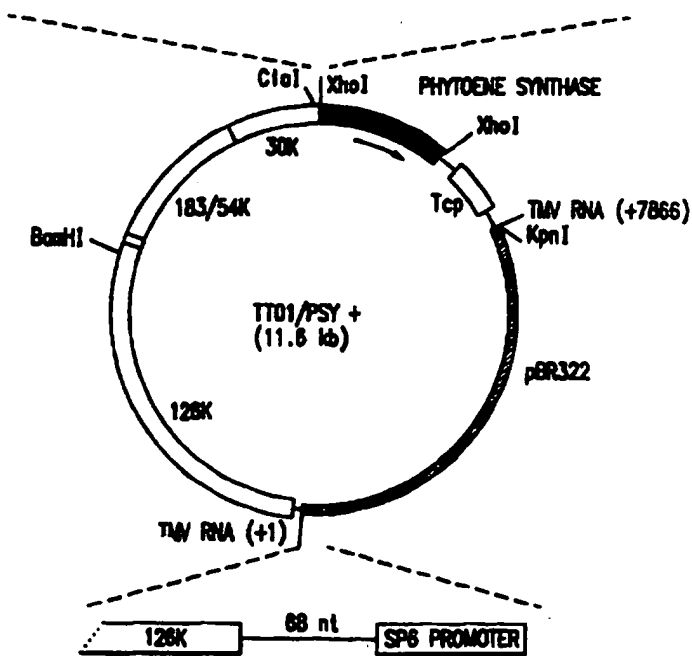
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(57) Abstract

One aspect of the invention is to provide novel genetic constructions for the expression of inhibitory RNA in the cytoplasm of eukaryotic cells. The inhibitory RNA may be an anti-sense RNA or a co-suppressor RNA. The genetic constructions of the invention are capable of replicating in the cytoplasm of a eukaryotic cell and comprise a promoter region in functional combination with an encoding polynucleotide. The genetic constructions may be designed so as to replicate in the cytoplasm of plant cells, yeast cells, and mammalian cells. When the eukaryotic cell of interest is a plant cell, the genetic construction is preferably derived from a plant RNA virus. Plant RNA virus derived genetic constructions may employ a plant virus subgenomic promoter, including subgenomic promoters from tobamoviruses in functional combination with the RNA encoding region. Another aspect of the invention is to provide cells comprising the genetic constructions of the invention and organism comprising a plurality of such cells. Another aspect of the invention is to provide methods of reducing the expression of a gene of interest in eukaryotic cells, i.e., methods of producing eukaryotic cells exhibiting reduced levels of expression of a gene of interest. The methods of the invention comprise the step of transfecting a cell with a genetic construction of the invention in which the RNA encoding region is specific for the gene of interest. Another aspect of the invention is to provide plant cells that produce elevated levels of the carotenoid phytoene. The elevated levels of phytoene are achieved by inhibiting the expression at the enzyme phytoene desaturase using the vectors of the invention.

.lap XhoI Start codon
GTTTAAATACCGCTGGAGTTTAAAT ATG TCT GTT GCG TTG TTA TCG GTT GTT TCT CCT TGT GAC
Met Ser Val Ala Leu Leu Trp Val Val Ser Pro Cys Asp

TRANSIT PEPTIDE OF PHYTOENE SYNTHASE
GTC TCA AAT GCG ACA AGT TTC ATG GAA TCA GTC GCG GAG CGA AAC CGT
Val Ser Asn Gly Thr Ser Phe Met Glu Ser Val Arg Glu Gly Asn Arg



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